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[Despatch Abstract.]

PROHIBITION - Report on the working of the Act during August 1948 - Recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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PROHIBITION - WORKING OF THE ACT - REPORT - August 1948.

The following report on the working of Prohibition during August 1948 in the 16 districts where it was then in force is published for information.

I. Enforcement: The total number of cases detected during the month was 4,949 against 6,039 cases detected during the previous month. There was a heavy fall in the districts of Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar, Tanjore and Madura. The constant raids made by the Preventive staff in the districts of Kurnool, Cuddapah and Coimbatore are reported to have instilled fear in the minds of the likely offenders thus resulting in decrease in the number of offences. In the Salem district the decrease was mainly under cases of drunkenness due to the drive against this kind of offence in the previous month. In Tanjore and Madura districts the vigilance of the preventive staff and the constant check over vehicles and trains had a detterent effect on crime resulting in t fall in the number of cases detected. The fall in Malabar district was as in the case of Salem district mainly under 'drunkenness' cases. This was partly due to the tightening up of control over border areas which prevented addicts going to the neighbouring State areas and coming back drunk. Of the total number of cases reported in the 16 districts, 2420 related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 2849 cases during the previous month. There were 9 cases of tapping for fermented toddy and 6 cases of tapping for sweet toddy without licences during the month as against 45 and 15 cases respectively during the previous month. The number of cases of smuggling of liquor from outside the Prohibition areas decreased from 88 to 82 during the month and the number of cases relating to intoxicating drugs from 191 to 164. There was no organised effort at smuggling.

II. Ameliorative work: Rural Recreation: The Rural Welfare Officers and the Assistant Rural Welfare Officers conducted rural games in 1387 villages. 62 Firka tournaments and 9 taluk tournaments were held during the month.

Bhajanas, Harikathas etc:- Bhajanas, Harikathas and Kalashepams were held in 1219 villages during the month. Folk dances, dramas, or cinema shows were held in 431 villages at the instance of the ameliorative staff. The ballad singers organised community singing in 320 villages and trained 3347 villagers.

Gramasangams:- 149 gramasangams were organised during the month. Out of the gramasangams formed till the end of the month, 6038 gramasangams were active during the month and continued to do good work in the direction of education, rural watsr supply, sanitation, medical aid etc.

Thrift:- A total sum of Rs.9,227 was saved in hundi boxes during the month.

Alternative employment for ex-tappers:- In Anantapur district sanction was accorded for the starting of milk feeder societies and unions in Anantapur and Hindupur areas. A Co-operative milk supply society was started in Bellary.

Co-operative milk supply societies were or[illegible] at Periyakulam in Madura District and Kulitta[illegible] Tiruchirapalli district. A coir industry society was organised, in Coimbatore district for the Benefit of ex-tappers. A land [illegible] colonisation society was organised for 50 ex-tappers at Doddaghatta in Anantapur district. A cattle breeding society was started at Kurli in Anantapur district and a society was organised at Kannivadi in Madura district during the month. 494 jaggery manufacturing societies were organised till the end of the month and the number of members in the societies was 37,779. 21,740 maunds of jaggery worth Rs.1,05,697 were produced during the month.

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